

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

() Release (☒) Excise () Deny

Exemption(s): B-6

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July 13, 1980

Dear Congressman Hanley,

I am writing you concerning the plight of a prisoner of conscience in Argentina. Anibal Viton is presently imprisoned at the Rawson Prison in Argentina. He was convicted of possession of subversive literature and sentenced to four years. Mr. Viton's sentence ended on September 10, 1979, yet he remains in prison without charges. Mr. Viton's wife and child live in Ithaca and need him very much. The United States Government has offered to accept Anibal as an immigrant, however The Argentina Government has refused his right of option to immigrate. Mr. Viton has never advocated nor committed any acts of violence.

I would appreciate any assistance

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you may be able to give Anibal to gain
his release. I hope you will be able to
find out through the State Department
why Anibal's right of option was
denied by the Argentinean Government.
I would appreciate any information
you ^{are} able to receive from Argentina
on Anibal's case and health condition.

I hope your action will bring a
speedy end to the long suffering
of Anibal Victor and his family.

Yours truly,

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